

COMMISSION WILL REVISE D. C. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Efforts to Reduce Number of Accidents Will Be Made at Next Meeting of District Board.

By BILL PRICE.

Revision of the traffic regulations of Washington will be undertaken by the District Commissioners shortly after the induction into office of W. Gwynn Gardner, the new Commissioner, but official opinion today is that the recent wave of accidents in this city is not due to defective regulations and that there will be comparatively few important changes when the Commissioners have finally acted.

Major Pullman, of the Police Department, today stated that New York and nearly every big city in the country reports a great increase in deaths and wrecks from traffic accidents. There has not been time to analyze these strange physiological facts, regarded by many as mysterious, but to practical minds accounted for on the score of heavy increase in all sorts of traffic, due to war activities, and to employment of a class of drivers and chauffeurs of less responsibility than those formerly engaged in this line of work.

Army Draws Men.

Thousands of experienced and responsible street car motormen, automobile motorists, and wagon drivers have gone into the army or into more profitable lines of employment. The War Department has sought the services of the best chauffeurs and machinists to handle motor vehicles. The places vacated by all these men have been filled with persons of less experience, and whose carefulness and responsibility have not been tried out.

In this city there has been a heavy decrease in the use of motor vehicles this year, as shown by the number of automobile licenses issued for the months of June, July, August, and September, as compared with the same months of last year. In these four months of 1916 the total number of machine licenses for which fees were paid were 4,922. For the same four months of this year the total paid licenses was 4,308. The Government's additional use of machines is shown in the figures of free licenses. Free tags for the four months of last year were 44, and for the same months this year 30.

Need of Educational Campaign.

Major Pullman believes that constant education, repeated warnings against carelessness of drivers and pedestrians, daily talks by fathers and mothers to their children are all essential for the lessening of serious accidents. He has decided to use motion pictures among the school children of the city in the hope of keeping children out of the dangers that menace them almost every hour.

Sergeant Shelby, of the traffic squad, will be one of the lecturers sent among the children, but Major Pullman is confronted by the fact that he has no funds to purchase the best reels for this campaign. Under the law he cannot accept funds donated by public-spirited citizens, but he could accept reels purchased by them. He wants two particular reels, "The Price of Thoughtlessness" and "Street Traffic Accidents." They would cost about \$500 for the two, and would be very helpful in the campaign, but unless somebody is good to him he will have to do without them.

A tightening up of penalties against premeditated violators of speed laws is expected both in the police court and in the police department. It is out of the sphere of the department to suggest to the judges of the courts that speed devils and irresponsible gentry generally be dealt with more severely in the future, but the intimation from the two judges of the court is that they will co-operate in every way possible to decrease the number of traffic accidents, especially in imposing heavy penalties upon excessive speed and utter disregard of the law and rights of others.

Frequent suggestions of citizens is that the traffic policemen may help materially in the campaign against accidents by devoting more of their time to the dangerous violators of the law and less to technical violators who do not endanger life, but happen to run afoul of some minor regulation they are not familiar with.

No Speed Increase.

Until the heavy increase in accidents recently there was a disposition in police and official circles to permit a little more speed, when the traffic regulations are revised, but today one high official announced that there would be no upward revision of the limit if he could prevent it. The limit in business and thickly populated residential sections has been twelve miles an hour, with the police lenient where the driver was not making over seventeen miles. The twelve-mile limit will probably be retained.

The new Commissioner, Mr. Gardner, will sit at the hearing to be given before changes are made. He drives his own machine and has some practical ideas to suggest, it is learned.

RAIDERS' BOMB MAKES BRITISH FAMILY RICH

LONDON, Oct. 8.—A family in the East End is today celebrating the finding of a small fortune in gold and paper money as the result of one of the recent German air raids on London.

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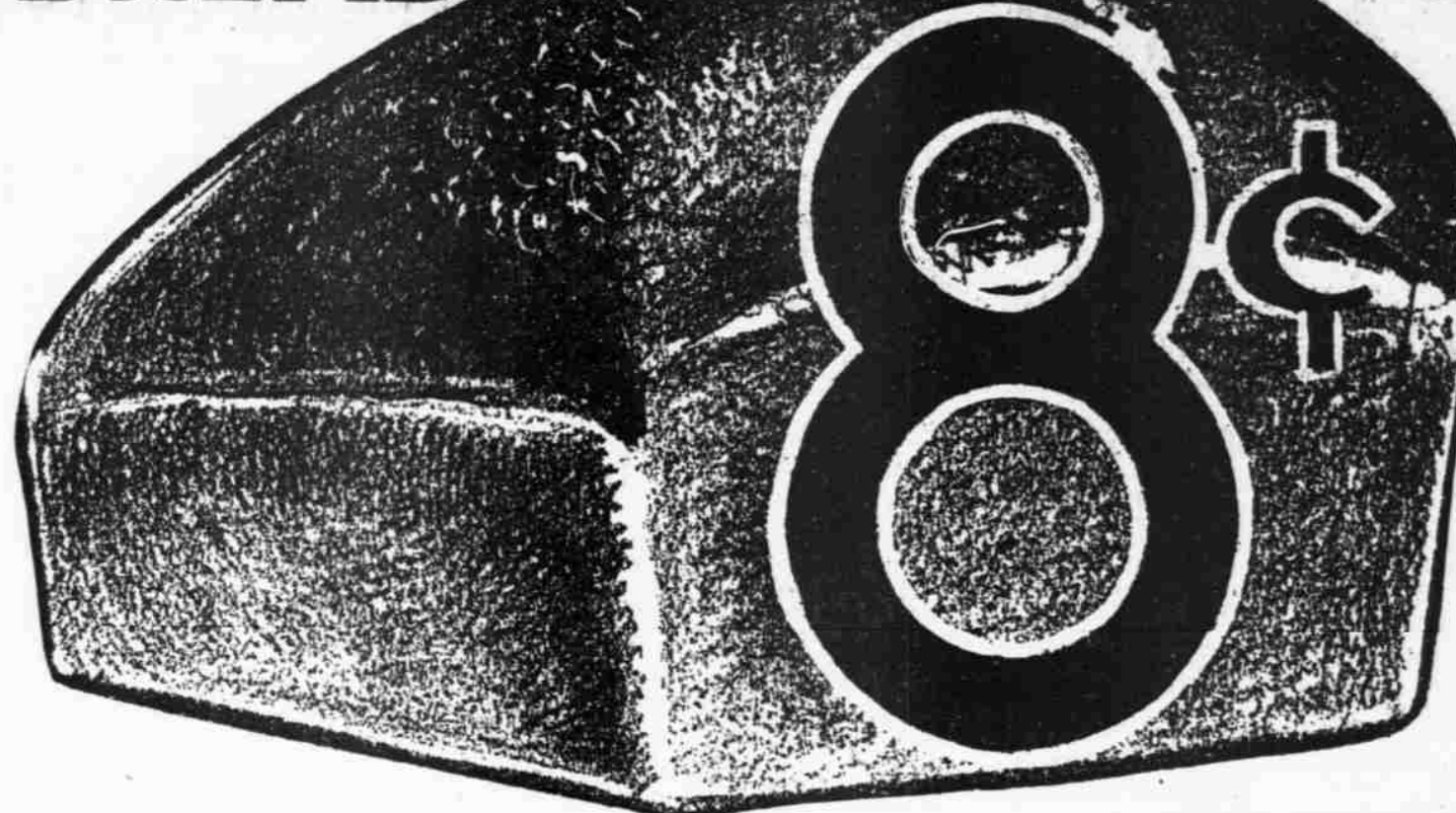
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